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1. On 9 February, a meeting was arranged for [] with the highest-ranking Hungarian prelate in Rome, Archbishop Dr. Jozsef Jasko, who lives at 1 Via Giulia (Tel: 56.54.55). He did not want [] to visit him in his offices since they are in the same building as [] of members of the Hungarian clergy, who are considered unreliable if not actually pro-Communist. Jasko made the introductions in [] hotel and then left.

2. The conversation was carried on in German, which the Archbishop speaks like a native, but with a Viennese accent. He struck [] as extremely intelligent, very quick and bright and eager to get into operations. He stated that he keeps complete card files of more than a thousand priests and friends inside Hungary whom he considers thoroughly reliable, with many of whom he is constantly exchanging news. He does not think there would be any difficulty in getting Catholic propaganda material attacking the Communist way of life and Communist ideology in general into Hungary, if necessary by clandestine means. He thinks, however, that if booklets or other printed material are not obviously labeled with an anti-Communist title they usually reach their destination by ordinary mail.

3. As evidence of the faithfulness of the Catholic priests in Hungary, he cited the fact that even when Cardinal Mindszenty was advising the RGH government, he suspended only 11 priests for collaborating with the Communist regime - 9 in Budapest and 2 in Bonyhady - the highest-ranking of whom was the Bishop of Bonyhady. At the present time there is a quarrel going on between the Hungarian government, which wants to reinstate these priests, and the RGH, who refuse to listen to them.

4. SACCH now is working on a digest of Catholic articles published by the Western press dealing with such problems as Catholics against Communism. [] are being edited by [], a Hungarian Marxist presently in Rome. SACCH would like to send several thousand of these digests in [] into Hungary - he said the printing costs for such a project would be [] He also said that he would welcome suggestions from [] special articles that might be included.

5. Re Hungarian refugees, he stated that out of the 80 Catholic priests took refuge in Austria, several wanted to go to Rome, but he insisted they stay in refugee camps to take care of their work. Many of the refugees have strong political ideas but left Hungary only because they hoped for improved conditions or wanted to travel and SACCH says they are gradually being []. Some of the refugees now in Italy have applied for permits to [], particularly members of divided families (some inside, some outside []) and SACCH invariably recommends that they return to Hungary. []

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also feels it was a mistake that the refugees were led to believe they would all be shortly in America—much unrest has inevitably resulted from their disappointment.

6. As aid to Hungary, KLOON has definite reservations as to the wisdom of sending large food or medical supplies into Hungary at the present time since they might benefit the KGBA government; naturally, however, in this position he cannot afford to be too outspoken in his views about not assisting the hungry population.

7. [] has the definite impression that were a KLOON-type operation ever mounted jointly with Archbishop KLOON, it would be possible for us to get support from him or his staff for KLOON-type operations inside Hungary.

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